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In re the Application of:

Applicant(s) : Nagabhushan, *et al.*
Title : Methods and Compositions for
Delivery of Interferon Alpha Nucleic
Acids
Serial No. : 09/353,423
Filed : July 15, 1999
Docket No. : CJ-0776 QK

Examiner: Aene-Marie Baker

Group Art Unit: 1632

**REQUEST FOR A THREE (3) MONTH
EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO
37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Remarks:

Applicants respectfully request the grant of a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed April 9, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application, thus extending the time for response from May 9, 2002 to August 9, 2002 and maintaining the pendency of the above-identified application through August 9, 2002.

Calculation of Fee:

The fee for the requested extension is calculated to be \$920.00 pursuant to 37

C.F.R.1.17(a)(3).

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

The undersigned hereby certifies that the attached correspondence is being deposited as First Class Mail with sufficient postage with the United States Postal Service in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on the date indicated below.

Richard B. Murphy

August 9, 2002

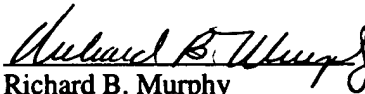
Authorization to Charge Deposit Account:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the requisite fee of \$920.00 to Deposit Account 500551.

Blanket Authorization to Charge Deposit Account:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) that may be associated with this Request to Deposit Account 500551.

Respectfully submitted,


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Date: August 9, 2002

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